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1. WE FEEL THAT THE GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING AT SHAPE ON DECEMBER 1, 1975 SHOULD EXAMINE THE PROPOSALS SOLELY ON THEIR TECHNICAL MERITS AND OVERALL COSTS. WE DO NOT SEE THAT PREFINANCING OR ANY OTHER METHOD BY WHICH FUNDING IS PROVIDED IS GERMANE TO THE CONSIDERATIONS OF THIS GROUP.

2. IF, SUBSEQUENT TO THE EXPERTS' EVALUATION, TIMELINESS APPEARS TO BE A CRITICAL FACTOR, CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO INPUTTING THE COSTS OF THE PROGRAM TO A PRIOR YEAR SLICE PENDING APPROVAL OF SLICE XXVII. AT THIS PRE-
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LIMINARY STAGE, PREFINANCING BY NEITHER THE GERMANS NOR

THE US APPEARS TO BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE.

3. BASED ON OUR CURRENT KNOWLEDGE OF THE GERMAN OFFER, WE
FEEL ASSURED THAT OUR PROPOSAL IS FAR SUPERIOR ESPECIALLY
IN THE AREA OF OVERALL SYSTEM EFFECTIVENESS AND APPLICA-
BILITY TO NATO NEEDS. IN ANY EVENT WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT

ANY SOLUTION TO THE CENTRAL REGION'S COMMAND AND CONTROL
NEEDS MUST NOT INVALIDATE THE EXTENSIVE US COMMITMENT TO
MEET THE CENTRAL REGION'S SHORT-TERM REQUIREMENTS.

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